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Enclosed herewith is a copy of each of the references cited in a Japanese counterpart application No. 2002-278726 (including the same claims 1-12 as the corresponding claims as filed of the instant application) together with an English abstract thereof available before the Japanese Patent Office. The Official Letter dated September 30, 2008 is also enclosed.

Copies of the above-mentioned references already of record in the IDS filed on March 18, 2005 are not enclosed.

The cited references are as follows:

1. JP 07-047598
2. JP 2002-264206
3. JP 9-132701
4. JP 10-110047
5. JP 10-337772
6. JP 2002-210886
7. JP 5-105771
8. JP 2003-326594 (corresponds to JP 2002-134590, filed May 9, 2002)

Among the above, references 1-4 and 6 were already cited in the PCT International Search Report. The other references were cited for the first time in a foreign counterpart application.

A principal reason for refusal of claims 1-10 is that the parameters recited in claims 1-10 are probably satisfied by the products of references 1-4 and 8 (prior application) in view of similarity of the production processes.

References 5 and 6 have been cited as secondary references in combination with references 1-4.

Reference 7 has been cited against claims 1-2 as disclosing an improvement in melting point of polycaprolactone by mixing with a hydrolyzable polymer and subsequent stretching.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
  - a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
  - b. ☒ a foreign patent office Office Action submitted herewith,
  - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
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Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application, and

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Respectfully submitted,

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